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2. U.S. Patent No. 4,615,989 corresponding to Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. 60-235740.
3. Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. 62-153144 with abstract.
4. Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. 55-21091.
5. U.S. Patent No. 4,223,974 corresponding to Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. 55-21091.
6. Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. 59-184745.
7. U.S. Patent No. 4,497,700 corresponding to Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. 59-184745.
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9. Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. 57-21458, with abstract.

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These publications are listed on the attached form PTO-1449 and copies are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner. These publications are also cited on pages 1 to 3 of the specification.

It is requested that these publications be considered and made of record herein.

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